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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/12/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/05/02
BRO-FRY	163,699	161,681
LT HENS	1,912	2,062
HVY HENS	1,590	1,678

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	318	4	322
LAST WEEK	314	0	314
SAME WK YR AGO	335	0	335
TO DATE 2002	12,333	261	12,594
TO DATE 2001	17,154	247	17,401

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,210	1,626	3,836
LAST WEEK	2,146	1,556	3,702
SAME WK YR AGO	2,285	1,320	3,605
TO DATE 2002	82,576	56,345	138,921
TO DATE 2001	88,381	55,447	143,828

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,097 (A)	1,892	1,622	3,514
AVG WT	5.11	3.64	7.94	5.62
LAST WEEK	157,307	1,832	1,556	3,388
SAME WEEK YR AGO	157,688	1,950	1,320	3,270
AVG WT	5.10	3.60	8.06	5.44
TO-DATE/2002	6,216,995	70,243	56,084	126,327
TO-DATE/2001	6,160,217	71,227	55,200	126,427

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING September 28, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	27,768	25,056	43,101
AVG WEIGHT	3.88	4.85	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	26%	45%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	25,551	20,798	52,410
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.81	6.06
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	21%	53%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	31,531	29,359	55,846
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.70	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	25%	48%
TO DATE/2002	1,023,047	871,000	1,623,501
TO DATE/2001	1,246,370	1,079,448	1,697,532

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
AVG WT	15.30	34.15	27.77	30.71	27.03
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,939	2,915	73	14	4,94
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,052	3,010	81	10	5,153
AVG WT	15.48	33.03	24.69	25.67	25.90
TO-DATE/2002	73,774	109,121	2,083	344	185,322
TO-DATE/2001	80,111	109,694	1,792	439	192,036

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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